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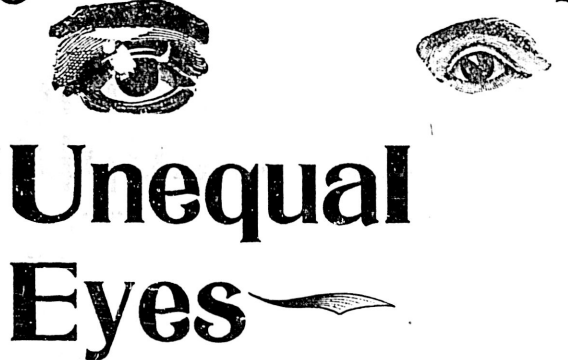
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## It Is War To The Knife

Statements Of Messrs Taylor and Wells Are Hopelessly Irreconcilable.

Prospects Are For Lively Session At Today's Committee Session.

Sir Thomas Shaughnessy Receives Full Vindication From Hon. Mr. Wells

With the re-examination of Mr. W. J. Taylor yesterday morning, those in attendance at the Columbia & Western committee inquiry had another hint of sensations to come in connection with which it is predicted that this morning will not be barren of disclosures. There was no particularly new matter revealed in Mr. Taylor's cross-examination.

After the adjournment of the committee Tuesday, a telegram of considerable interest to the proceedings was received from former Executive Agent Geo. McLean, of the C. P. R., covering one to him from President Sir Thomas G. Shaughnessy, as follows:

Vancouver, May 5, 1903.  
C. Clifford, Chairman Legislative Committee, Victoria, B. C.

The following telegram, dated May 5th, received by me this morning from Sir Thomas G. Shaughnessy: "Associated Press despatches in papers all over the continent contain garbled accounts of evidence before the legislative committee, indicating attempts on the part of some persons to improperly influence Wells in connection with Columbia & Western lands and incidentally mentioning some conversation with the corroborative. Can hardly believe that Wells gave any such testimony. If he did, it was a gross misstatement and to establish beyond question, as I can do, that neither directly nor indirectly, the company use any improper influence or hold out any inducements of any kind, to secure these patents. If the newspaper accounts of Wells' testimony and the inference to be drawn therefrom are incorrect, he should immediately in fairness to everybody, return to the stand and retract his erroneous impressions. T. G. Shaughnessy."

(Sd.) G. McLE. BROWN.  
To this the following reply was made, the promised denial by Mr. Wells being a feature of yesterday afternoon's session, and the inference being that Sir Thomas will not now regard it as necessary for him to present himself before the committee for examination, although Mr. Brown has returned to Victoria for that specific purpose, and will probably take the stand tomorrow at the latest.

Victoria, May 5, 1903.  
Do not know what newspaper reports are. Mr. Wells' evidence before committee are as follows: Q. By Mr. Green: "Did you get any information as to how the lands were to be delivered to the subsidiary company?" A. "When I was in Montreal, Sir Thomas Shaughnessy and I had some conversation about that, and he told me that his company were to surrender this land to the company that was in anticipation of being formed—that was their part of it, that they were to surrender the land and I think take shares in the company." Wells' cross-examination was not yet complete, and he will appear before the committee tomorrow and state as follows: "Sir Thomas Shaughnessy never said anything to me corroborative of undue influence being used towards myself directly or indirectly, and will completely exonerate himself. I will state tomorrow Wells' evidence on this point."

(Sd.) CLIFFORD, Chairman of Committee.

Preliminary to the morning taking of evidence, Mr. Duff presented an application for a return of all correspondence between the Lands and Works department and John Watt and J. A. Stuart, respecting the C. P. R. Southern extension since 1897. Mr. Taylor's cross-examination then commenced, with a denial to Mr. McCaull that he was acting for the C. P. R. & W., or any other railway interest, and also a denial that he had known when the C. P. R. Southern extension was being pushed through that the particular blocks had been set aside for the B. C. Southern. He had not gone to Montreal with Mr. Brown, nor did he remember the sending of any telegram to Mr. Eberts suggesting that these particular lands could be changed from the B. C. Southern to Columbia & Western grant.

"I suppose then," suggested Mr. McCaull, "that if Mr. Wells says he saw such a telegram purporting to be signed by you that that would be a forgery?"

"I sent no such telegram," was Mr. Taylor's answer.

"Did you ever call at Mr. Wells' office regarding the C. P. Southern subsidy matters?" asked Mr. McCaull.

"I did not at any time," was the response. The witness added that he had never had any conversation with Mr. Wells about the C. P. Southern or Columbia & Western subsidy matters, or that he had ever done anything professionally in this connection. Nor did he recall any conversation with Mr. McNeill, the Chief Commissioner's secretary.

Flanking back to the subject of the telegram suggested as having been sent by Mr. Taylor to Mr. Eberts, while the former was in Montreal, Mr. McCaull wanted to know if he recalled having received any telegram from Montreal while in the Eastern city containing the single word, "Impossible?"

"No, I cannot recall it," was the reply. "I frequently receive telegrams from Mr. Eberts when away."

There was some further discussion respecting these mysterious telegrams, and

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### DR. BRIDGLAND DEAD.

Bracebridge, Ont., May 6.—Dr. Samuel Bridgland, Liberal M. P. for Muskoka, died tonight from Bright's disease.

### RUMORED ALBANIAN MURDER.

Turkish General Said to Have Fallen Victim to Mountaineers.

Vienna, May 6.—An unconfirmed rumor is current here that Albanians have murdered the Turkish general of the Uskub district.

### FATAL KENTUCKY DUEL.

London, Ky., May 6.—Sid Baker, of Clay county, a brother-in-law of James M. Howard, recently tried for the murder of Governor Wm. Gobeil, has been killed in a duel on the highway with McCollum.

### PRISONER'S SUICIDE.

Charged With Murder Takes His Own Life in Cell.

Cleveland, Ohio, May 6.—Ludwig Szulzyk, charged with the murder of Hanna Heffner, and the serious wounding of her husband, committed suicide in his cell at the County Jail today by hanging. His trial began Monday.

### SHAMROCK'S TRIAL.

Postponed Owing to Inclement Weather to Be Resumed Tomorrow.

Glasgow, May 6.—Renewal of the trial of the yacht Shamrock III, was postponed today on account of the inclement weather. The first set race between the two Shamrocks is expected to take place Friday, and there will be a special race over a measured course in the Firth of Clyde, Saturday.

### Grand Trunk Pacific Scheme

Now Proposed to Build Two Lines From Edmonton to Coast.

One to Butte Inlet and the Other to Port Simpson--Dawson Branch.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Montreal, May 6.—That the Grand Trunk Pacific promoters had definitely decided to abandon the project of building across the narrows of Lake Superior, and would have their transcontinental line run through the City of Winnipeg was announced this afternoon by R. S. Logan on behalf of the management of the Grand Trunk railway.

Sir Rivers Wilson and Mr. Hays arrived in the city by special train from the West today, and will go to Ottawa tonight to be present when the Grand Trunk Pacific's bill is brought down tomorrow. The official explanation of the company's line through the West was that, contrary to expectations, it had been found possible to build right through to Winnipeg. From this point the line will run in a northwesterly direction through Saskatchewan district to Battleford, where a branch line will be built to Calgary and the main line to Edmonton. From this point the company will build two lines to the coast, one through the Yellow Head Pass to Butte Inlet, and a second through Peace River Pass to Port Simpson. From the latter line an extension is proposed north to Dawson.

### Trans-Canada Project Dead

Under Pressure Opposition to Grand Trunk Pacific is Killed.

U. S. Walking Delegates and Montreal Strikes Exercise Ottawa.

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Ottawa, May 6.—Mr. Earle is concerning the return of all papers in connection with the proposed project of the Trans-Canada railway. He has been very successful, and his team will be as good as lost. Of the old men, Miller, Balmont, and the others, Mr. Earle will be seen in the local uniform. Gregory, of Miles City, and Spicer, whom Dugdale brought out and could not utilize owing to the pitch of the new team, will be the pitchers of the new team. Mahan, who left for Everett last year, will be with the Vancouver team. Two games a week will be played here. The first game with Everett on the 15th and 16th. While in Seattle Mr. Dugdale told Mr. Holmes that as soon as Vancouver could play Sunday ball, they could get into the league in 24 hours.

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## Mainland Happenings

Lease of False Creek Flats is Not Yet Signed at Ottawa.

Many Japanese Secure Naturalization at Vancouver—No Car Shortage.

Good Prospects of Terminal City Having First-Class Ball Team.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, May 6.—G. Kaburagi, secretary of the Japanese union, has written through the press to the Japanese fishermen that the new lease of the False Creek flats, at a rate of 12 cents, or a sliding scale similar to last season, has been refused, as there was no money in it. The fishermen are advised to seek other employment.

The World has a wire from F. Cooke, their Ottawa correspondent, that the lease for False Creek flats to Kelly and Burnett has not been signed, and that the City Council and Board of Trade protests have been received.

Sixty-three Japanese were naturalized British subjects in the County Court this morning.

There is no shortage of cars in Vancouver. This week the mill men called for 230 cars and they got 230.

Mr. Macpherson, M. P. for Burrard, will arrange for a telephone to Point Atkinson, a resident Supreme Court judge for Vancouver, and a new court house.

Donations continue to come in for the new hospital. An unknown friend sends \$40, another sends \$10, and a Ladies' Aid Auxiliary, through Senator Fulford of Pink Pills fame, send \$100.

The Brockton Point Association, School Board, City Council, and Board of Trade delegates will meet on Friday to consider the question of a public gymnasium, for which \$7,000 has already been appropriated by the city.

Burns and Daly, solicitors, wrote to the Board of Trade suggesting that a committee be appointed to investigate all advertising schemes presented before they are submitted to the businessmen. This suggestion was in view of the recent Euphrates fraud. The board decided that if business men could not look after their own affairs in such matters, they deserved to be bitten.

The Mayor and several aldermen waited upon Sir Alexander Mackenzie, the distinguished musician yesterday, and drove him around the city as a guest of the city. He was accompanied by members of the Caledonia and St. Andrew's Society have presented Sir Alexander with an address of welcome.

The B. C. Sugar refinery have increased the wages of all their employees who have been with them for over one year. Those getting 20 cents an hour now get 25 cents; those who got 25, now get 27 1/2, and so on up the scale. A bonus is also granted to all employees who have been over four years in the service.

Last night the bylaw to submit to the people of North Vancouver for their vote the proposition of the North Vancouver Power & Lighting Company to run an improved ferry across the Inlet, passed its second reading.

The Vancouver Jockey Club have arranged a very attractive programme for their 24th of May race meeting at the Hastings track.

The Vancouver Board of Trade have received a letter from the Victoria Board of Trade, asking that a committee be appointed by the Victoria Board to act in conjunction with the Vancouver Board in the matter of freight rates over the C. P. R.

"Billy" Holmes is back from the States, where he has been picking up material for Vancouver's ball team. Mr. Holmes says that he has been very successful, and his team will be as good as lost. Of the old men, Miller, Balmont, and the others, Mr. Holmes will be seen in the local uniform. Gregory, of Miles City, and Spicer, whom Dugdale brought out and could not utilize owing to the pitch of the new team, will be the pitchers of the new team. Mahan, who left for Everett last year, will be with the Vancouver team. Two games a week will be played here. The first game with Everett on the 15th and 16th. While in Seattle Mr. Dugdale told Mr. Holmes that as soon as Vancouver could play Sunday ball, they could get into the league in 24 hours.

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### SHOCKING INHUMANITY.

Juveniles Neglected and Starving Discovers at Cumberland.

Nanaimo, May 6.—C. J. South, secretary of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, arrived from Comox this afternoon and brings a dreadful story of cruelty to animals and children. He found a score of heifers with their ears cut off and many cattle dehorned in a barbarous fashion. He also discovered a nine-year-old boy in a shack outside Cumberland emaciated beyond description, and a 14-year-old girl in a little better condition, filthy, neglected, and half starved. The boy was removed to the hospital, where he will probably die. The public feeling throughout the district is considerably roused owing to these disclosures.

### CUMBERLAND STRIKE.

Mines Working Short-Handed and Output Greatly Reduced.

Nanaimo, May 6.—A despatch from Cumberland states that the town is orderly, but the streets are occupied by crowds discussing the situation. The surface men have not yet struck, having declined at a mass meeting held last evening to take active steps for the present. Non-union men are leaving town rather than incur the odium of going to work. The examining board is being criticised for conducting its examinations behind closed doors.

The output since the strike was declared has averaged 250 tons per day, about half of the usual output. The top hands are still at work. There was considerable excitement in Cumberland tonight over the recommendation of the Chief Justice to the men to abandon the Federation and return to work. It is not at all improbable that a meeting will be called to take the matter up at Ladysmith.

### Opening Of Commission

First Regular Session of Labor Committee Held at Ladysmith.

Men Decline to Accept the Suggestions of Chief Justice.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ladysmith, May 6.—When the labor commission opened at Ladysmith this morning, Mr. Charles Wilson, K.C., informed the commissioners that the men, after careful consideration of the suggestion thrown out the other day, had respectfully declined to accept it. The decision was unanimous. The resolution passed at the mass meeting held the previous evening, and gave the reasons for the refusal.

The decision came as a great surprise to many people in the town, for a report had been spread that the men were on the verge of returning to work, and that but for the sittings of the commission, they would have done so on Saturday night. The ballot shows, however, that the men are determined in the stand they have taken, and there will be no yielding until some definite agreement is had.

The chairman said he regretted very much the stand the men had taken, as it might prejudice them with the public, coal being a necessity. The men, however, were the best judges of their own affairs.

Mr. Wilson then opened the case for the men. He said that they alleged that the only ground of dispute was the mine owner's refusal to employ men connected with the Western Federation of Miners, or with any labor organization, and the general hostility shown to the movement towards organization. There was also the grievance that the men had been forced to live at Ladysmith, a townsite owned by the mine owner, as a condition of employment. He then called Organizer Baker to the stand.

James Baker said he resided at Slovan City, and was the general organizer for British Columbia of the Western Federation of Miners. He was a Canadian by birth and had remained a Canadian. He was on a rosters' list. After putting in a copy of the constitution and bylaws of the Federation, witness proceeded to explain several sections. Each local union, he said, had absolute jurisdiction over its own affairs. The organization was a voluntary one, and the constitution. The executive could act in certain stated exigencies, but the government of the body was altogether in the hands of the members at other times by the initiative and referendum. He had never seen the section permitting the executive to refuse its sanction to a settlement reached by a local union going into force. The section was intended to prevent violence and the constitution. There was no case in which a settlement made by a local had not been approved by the executive. Men could not be ordered on strike if no grievance arose in their own employment. They might be requested to come out in sympathy, but there was no way of compelling them to do so. Men could not be compelled to leave their employment in one country to further the interests of an industry in another. There was nothing in the constitution which would enable the central authority to close the mines in Canada so as to raise prices in the United States. The Federation recognized no national boundary. The organization was wholly in the men's hands.

To Mr. Bodwell—Witness did not know of any coal mines in Washington which had been organized by the Western Federation or by any other body. The executive could not call out a union of its own motion; the most it could do was to pass on a request from a neighboring union that another union should strike in sympathy. This had been done at Michel, the only instance of which he was aware. There was no provision in the constitution for the suspension or other punishment of a union which refused a request to strike in sympathy.

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### AGAINST PANAMA CANAL.

President Hesitates Assembling Congress Through Fear of Opposition.

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Nebraska Judge Prohibits Three Thousand Men From Boycotting.

Omaha, Neb., May 6.—Judge Munger, in the Federal Court has issued sweeping injunction against the 3,000 strikers. The order restrains men from interfering with freight between warehouses and depots, or destined for other states, from congregating in large crowds on the streets, and making loud noises, or in any way interfering with the transaction of the business.

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## Montreal's Longshoremen

### Shippers Gain Slight Advantage and Strikers Consider New Terms.

### Railroad Freight Handlers Refuse "Scab" Freight—New Strike in View.

Montreal, May 6.—The shipping interests made gains in the strike situation today when more cargo was handled than any day since the strike began. The forces of non-union workers were increased and the transport companies had 140 teams on the docks handling goods. In spite of the gains there is a tremendous congestion at the wharves and business interests are suffering from the burden.

Another sympathetic strike marked the day when 125 carters in the employ of the big coal companies went out, but factories rather than steamship interests are affected by this move. The coal carters are members of the Teamsters' Union. No other important move has been made by the teamsters today. The cartage companies refuse to recognize or treat with the union, and union men refuse to return to work unless their organization is recognized and orders to work on the wharves are withdrawn.

Fifty teams left the Sheldon Co.'s stables this morning, and the police are cordoned to the docks and a police guard without any disturbance, and the company expects to be able to put men on the city work also shortly. The Dominion Transport company has sixty or seventy men at work on the waterfront. Soldiers bearing loaded rifles, riding on the transport companies teams through the streets gave the city a martial law appearance.

One of the new critical aspects of the situation is the declaration of manufacturers to shut down their factories and mills owing to the difficulty in securing supplies. There will be a meeting tomorrow of manufacturers to consider problems caused by the strike.

The Intercolonial railway refuses to accept freight for Montreal.

As a result of a conference between Mayor Cochrane and strike leaders tonight, the longshoremen agreed to terms which may end the strike. The terms on which longshoremen will be employed in the same positions as they occupied at the close of last season, and to execute the functions of their office without interference. In case of disputes, the representatives of men shall have the right to apply to the shipping companies to have grievances adjusted. The concession on the part of the men is that no specific mention of the word union is made. The shipping men will consider the proposition tomorrow morning.

Freight handlers of the Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific at a meeting tonight decided to handle the cargo of the steamships worked by non-union men. This will probably mean another big strike.

#### CHILD BURNED.

Belleville, May 6.—The little child of Thos. Leslie, living near Queensboro, was burned to death today while playing with matches.

#### EMPEROR WILLIAM

Dines With Queen Mother and Departs From Rome.

Rome, May 6.—Emperor William dined with the Queen Mother and left Rome in the afternoon. There was a brilliant scene at the railroad station when His Majesty departed. He was loudly cheered by the assembled crowds.

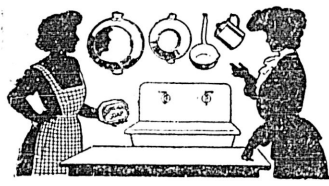
The people of Rome gave the German Emperor a touching farewell. The streets from the Quirinal to the railway station were lined with many thousands of people, cheering and waving handkerchiefs and shouting "Long live William." The Emperor bade farewell to Queen Helena at the palace, expressing to her, in a few graceful words, his thanks for the kind reception given him.

At the station he found the authorities assembled, and to them he expressed cordially his appreciation of the efforts they had made in his behalf. After a cordial grip of Prince Camillo's hand, and several unmistakable affectionate embraces between King Victor Emmanuel and the Emperor, the latter sprang upon the platform of the car, and the train moved away amid repeated rounds of applause, while the band played the German Hymn.

## GUARANTEEING TRANSVAAL LOAN

### One and Three-Quarter Millions to Develop South African Colonies.

London, May 6.—In moving in the House of Commons today a formal resolution guaranteeing the Transvaal loan of £1,750,000, Colonial Secretary Chamberlain delivered a lengthy optimistic speech on the future of the new South African colonies. He explained that it had been decided to purchase all the existing railways which would absorb \$65,000,000 of the new loan, and \$25,000,000 more would be expended as quickly as possible on the development of railways. \$12,500,000 would be spent on land settlement, and \$10,000,000 on public works. The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Ritchie, declined to reveal the rate of interest in advance of the issuing of the prospectus. After some debate the resolution was agreed to.



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#### GAMEY INVESTIGATION.

Little of Interest Developed at Yesterday's Session.

Toronto, May 6.—At the afternoon session of the Gamey investigation, Miss Carrie Jefferys, who in September was acting secretary for Premier Ross, was called and testified that she saw the letter of September 10, signed by Gamey in Mr. Aylesworth's office, early in the month mentioned. Robert A. Campbell, registrar of deeds for the County of Renfrew, said he knew Alex. Barnett, of Renfrew, and his son, J. E. H. Barnett, heard there was a claim made by the government against the Barnetts for trespass upon timber limits. Barnett, who purchased the timber limits in question, said there was no claim made against him for trespass. No sum was mentioned; nor particulars of the claim given. He had been asked to contribute to what he regarded as a corruption fund and declined. It was true, he had produced a number of fifty and twenty dollar bills before certain persons, but did not make a remark at the time that these were all he had left after Gamey got his pile. What he did say was that these were the kind of bills that Gamey got for them were Ontario Bank bills. He made the remark jokingly. Commission adjourned until Tuesday.

## TRAVELER SUICIDES AT KAMLOOPS

### Former Resident of Victoria Blows His Brains Out at Inland Town.

Kamloops, May 6.—E. Rolzig, of Edmonton, N.W.T., supposed to be representing a pork packing house of that town, committed suicide here last night. He deliberately went to his room at the Grand Pacific hotel, and laid down on his bed and then drew a revolver and blew his brains out. A shot was heard at the time, and the party who heard it took no notice of it, thinking that perhaps some one was shooting at cats or dogs in the yard. The body of Rolzig was therefore not discovered in his room until 4 p.m. today. He was well known in Victoria, having resided there years ago.

## TURTLE MOUNTAIN SLIDES CONTINUE

### Do Not Reach Town and Merchants are Now Returning.

Blairmore, N. W. T., May 6.—Small slides continue at Frank, but none of the rock reaches the base of the mountain. The situation is practically unchanged, and the business men fully expect to move into the town again within a week.

#### FELL TO DEATH.

Four Bricklayers Plunge Down Sixty-Three Feet With Fatal Results.

St. Hyacinthe, Que., May 6.—A very sad accident occurred this afternoon to four bricklayers employed at the new St. Hyacinthe distillery. They were working at a brick chimney, when the scaffolding suddenly gave way, precipitating all four to the ground, a distance of 63 feet. J. A. Roy and son, from La Providence village, were instantly killed. The other two, named Lobert and Pariseau, were picked up in an unconscious state, and will die.

## MINING COMPANIES IN LITIGATION

### Centre Star Seeks Redress of Grievances From Nickel Plate.

Rosland, B. C., May 6.—The Centre Star Mining Company has commenced an interesting and important civil action against the Rosland-Kootenay Company in respect to the Nickel Plate mine owned by the latter corporation. The statement of claim alleges that workings of the Nickel Plate mine extend into Centre Star ground, and that a large quantity of valuable ore was extracted by the defendants from Centre Star mine. It further alleged that the Nickel Plate Company permitted its workings to fill with water and drain into the Centre Star mine, creating grave dangers to the lives of workmen. A mandamus is asked for, compelling the unwatering of Nickel Plate workings, and an account of ore alleged to be wrongfully extracted. The first part of the action will undoubtedly hang on the old question of extra lateral rights under the former law respecting standing of mineral claims. Defendants are claiming that they simply followed the ore body appearing on their property on to Centre Star ground, while the plaintiffs claim that a dyke cuts off the vein in the Nickel Plate. Ground and new apex was worked in the Centre Star, thereby destroying defendant's rights under extra lateral rulings. The matter of unwatering the Nickel Plate mine is now an interesting legal point, the unraveling of which will be watched with keen interest.

## MARTIAL LAW AT SALONICA

### Pitched Battle Between Turks and Bulgarians and Sixty Killed.

Salonica, May 6.—An engagement is reported to have occurred at the village of Vanitza, between Turkish troops and a Bulgarian band, in which 60 Bulgarians, including their leader, Deltzeff, were killed, while the Turks had four men killed and three wounded. Thirty houses in Vanitza were burned. A Bulgarian band, led by Petroff, has been routed at Krastepa; seven of the Bulgarian troops were killed. A number of dynamite bombs were captured here, and martial law was proclaimed in Salonica yesterday. The battleships Sadgona and Francesco Morosini, the cruiser Carlo Alberto, and the torpedo cruiser Galatini, of the Italian fleet, have arrived.

## Proclaim British Monroe Doctrine

### Powers Notified That Interference in Persian Gulf Means War.

### Protection of Sea Route to India Necessitates England's Predominance.

London, May 6.—Foreign Secretary Lansdowne has proclaimed a British Monroe doctrine in the Persian Gulf, and has practically notified the competing powers that any attempt on their part to establish a naval base or fortified post in those waters means war with Great Britain.

"I say, without hesitation," said the Foreign Secretary, dealing with the subject in the House of Lords yesterday evening, "that we should regard the establishment of a naval or a fortified post in the Persian Gulf by any other power as a very grave menace to British interests, and one about which we resist it with all the means at our disposal."

Lord Lansdowne preceded this explicit enunciation of British policy by a review of the situation there as it affects British interests, contending that so far as the navigation of the Persian Gulf is concerned, Great Britain holds a position different to that of the other powers, because that country was created by British enterprise and expenditure of life and money that the Gulf is now open to the commerce of the world, and because the protection of the sea route to India necessitates British predominance in the Gulf.

Lord Lansdowne's attitude in the matter generally, meets with approval, although the answers thereto of the other powers, interested in the Gulf are awaited. The newspapers here comment on the analogy of the present proceeding to the United States policy of Monroeism. The Westminster Gazette says that the British motive, namely, the protection of the sea route to India, corresponds exactly with the Americans' motive in excluding European powers from American waters because their territory is thereby threatened.

## TELLS OF THE FRANK DISASTER

### Chief Engineer of C. P. R. Gives Good Description of the Eruption.

Mr. E. H. McHenry, chief engineer of the C. P. R., arrived in the city yesterday, and will probably be here for a couple of days, says the Vancouver News-Advertiser. At the time of the disaster at Frank, Mr. McHenry was at Laggan on his way to the Coast on an inspection trip, and at the request of Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, president of the railway, he at once proceeded to Frank in order to report on the disaster.

In conversation with a representative of the News-Advertiser, Mr. McHenry stated that the chief points in his report had already been published. The disaster was undoubtedly the result of a slide, and at the present time small slides are occurring, but no attempt is made to remove them. There was a large mass of rock yet to come down. The area covered was about 1,000 acres and the slide had several peculiarities. It came down with such marvellous velocity that instead of forming a toe it went right across the valley and up on the other side for some distance, so that a ford was established over the river. Some of the pieces of rock were of enormous size, many being as large as a house. One 500 feet square appeared to have turned over at all during their passage down the mountain, as ferus were found attached to rocks that had not sustained any damage. Many people were killed, and a strong smell of gas, but in Mr. McHenry's opinion, this was not coal gas, but was given off by the limestone in the rocks. Great heat was generated by this limestone, as was shown by the fact that snow which fell on rocks of this nature very quickly disappeared.

When Mr. McHenry left the district the corrected death toll amounted to 66. The people had all left the town, owing to the danger of another slide, and for that reason the C. P. R. had temporarily ceased work on the construction of another track. There had been some talk that the government would blast away the rock threatening the town, but that would be a pretty big undertaking, and Mr. McHenry also thinks that at an early date it will come down without the aid of explosives; in fact he was very much expecting to hear that this morning mass had come down.

Regarding the coal mines, Mr. McHenry did not care to express any opinion as to whether they could be reopened, as he had not made any special examination. The buildings and upper works had, however, been entirely obliterated by the slide and no sign of them could be seen.

Mr. McHenry is now out on one of his periodical trips of inspection. Regarding this year's improvements on the Pacific coast, he had but little to say. The principal work to be done has been outlined by Mr. Marpole on his return from Montreal.

## The Tourist Association

### Generous Offer Made by Citizen to Encourage Home Gardening.

### Much Business Transacted at Meeting of Executive Yesterday.

A meeting of the executive of the Tourist Association was held in the tourist rooms yesterday afternoon. It was announced that as a result of the action taken by the Association a few weeks ago, Ald. Cameron had reported that the Johnson street sewer had been diverted, so that your would no longer be discharged into the harbor, but would be turned into the regular sewer.

The following letter from D. R. Ker, general manager of the Brackman-Ker Milling Company, was read by a special committee to consult with school authorities: "We noticed in the papers a few days ago that it was likely that at the next meeting of your executive, the question of following the example set by the Vancouver Association of encouraging the sowing of seeds by the school children, would come up for at least discussion, and in the event of your recommending it, we, as a company, our firm will be pleased to contribute free of charge one thousand packages of different varieties of flower seeds, to be placed in your hands for distribution upon whatever plan may be decided upon."

Mr. Ker was cordially thanked for his

liberal and much appreciated offer.

The sub-committee on baths will immediately consult with special committee appointed by the City Council. The members of the Tourist Association have been carefully examining as to the most advantageous site for the public bath, and the cover near the Ocean docks seems to meet with general approval. Shanty gates will be constructed, by which a basin of over an acre in extent will be dammed, and the water renewed at regular intervals. The basin has a sandy bottom, and is in every way adapted for swimming.

Several matters arising out of the secretary's trip East were also discussed, and the various ways in which visitors can be best entertained will be taken up at the next meeting of the executive.

It was reported that already there was a constantly increasing number of tourists in the city. Communications are being received from all parts of the world requesting information as to the city's attractions, and judging from these the city will be called upon to entertain a large number of guests this year. It is the duty of the Tourist Association that the best impression should be made by putting the city into a condition to afford amusement and entertainment.

## Presentment By The Grand Jury

### Hayes Case is Commenced—Capt. Irving on Witness Stand.

The proceedings in the Assize Court yesterday morning were confined to the argument of counsel on the motion made by F. Peters, K. C., on behalf of the accused, in Rex vs. Hayes, to quash the indictment on the ground that C. S. Baxter was disqualified from serving as a member of the grand jury, which had found a true bill, inasmuch as he had acted as an agent for Capt. John Irving in the negotiations for the purchase of the mining shares, giving rise to the present criminal proceedings.

His Lordship considered the objection an important one, and stated that a witness should be recalled Mr. Peters, but that the motion would be dismissed, as, in his opinion, Mr. Baxter had only acted in the collection of an account which was not pertinent to the case. It is the grand jury made the following presentment:

We the grand jurors beg leave to lay before you the following presentment for your kind consideration:

We have duly inspected the Supreme Court House, City Lock-Up, Provincial Jail, Reformatory, and the Hospital. In the Court House we would recommend a safer and more commodious elevator, as we would be to the present one is unsafe if more than four persons enter it at one time. The City Lock-Up, we regret to state, we found in a very bad condition, there being little or no attempt made for ventilation in the cells and corridors. They are, in our opinion, not fit for the confinement of prisoners in their present state. We would suggest that the bath tubs, etc., be thoroughly cleaned immediately, and that the whole be renewed with proper prison fixtures, and that the ventilation of cells and corridors be referred to an architect, not the city's handy men.

We would also suggest that proper bath and lavatory accommodations should be provided for the exclusive use of the constables in connection with their graminage as at the present time they are obliged to use the same as is used by all prisoners.

The Provincial Jail we find a model of cleanliness. Ventilation of cells good, sanitary arrangements perfect and kept scrupulously clean.

The warden, Mr. R. F. John, we found to be a very able and efficient officer.

The Reformatory we found clean and tidy, but the building is entirely unsuited for its purpose. But in view of the fact that the provincial government is now erecting a reformatory at Vancouver, we do not recommend any expenditure on the building, but would suggest that some outdoor exercise should be provided for the boys, as under the present conditions their punishment is harder than that of hardened criminals.

The Jubilee Hospital needs no comment from us. It is a model of cleanliness and in perfect order. We would urge, however, the authorities give it better sewer connections as soon as possible.

His Lordship, in addressing the Grand Jury, stated that they were provisionally discharged, as they would only be called upon in the event of some new case demanding their consideration.

The trial of Rex vs. Hayes was then proceeded with, both the Crown and defence freely challenging before the full number of jurors was finally selected.

Deputy Attorney-General McLean, in opening the case to the jury, stated the salient features of the charges against the accused.

Capt. Irving was then called, and his testimony taken. This was practically the same as that given at the preliminary hearing in the police court, and at the trial of the case.

The case was adjourned till this morning, when Mr. Peters will resume his cross-examination of Capt. Irving.

## WHY IMPURE BLOOD IN THE SPRING?

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## FALSE CREEK.

In yesterday morning's Colonist it was announced in our despatches from Vancouver that Messrs. Robert Kelly and Frank Burnett had secured a lease of 20 acres of False Creek for ninety-nine years. Some time ago these gentlemen applied for this lease from the Dominion government. At that time we ventured to point out that to expect the grant of such a concession, as a reward for political services, showed a very low appreciation of the character of the Dominion government. If the concession has now been granted, the appreciation of the Dominion government by those who applied for it is shown, however low, to have been correct. The fact that this concession has been signed is announced upon the authority of the applicants, it is not yet confirmed from Ottawa. The submerged lands in False Creek at Vancouver are of enormous speculative value, and their value is growing every day. As far back as 1893 an attempt was made to secure them under some sort of homestead or squatters' title. This attempt failed, and they have remained untilized in the keeping of the Dominion government with the municipality of Vancouver casting a jealous and watchful eye upon them. It may very possibly be that the best and only way to have these lands brought into use is to turn them over to private owners. But if so, private owners should be bound to give an adequate return to the public purse for the opportunity given them to profit by a concession from the government. Have we any possible guarantee, that even if the private ownership of this property is a necessary condition to its utilization, the circumstances of its alienation are such as to make likely that an adequate consideration has been agreed upon. The applicants formed the nucleus of the present member for Burrard's campaign organization. They worked for his election with such zeal and effect that a majority running into hundreds was reduced to thirty-one. If their motives and methods in supporting him were such as may fairly be inferred from their subsequent conduct in applying for a valuable concession, all that surprises us is that the Liberal majority was not turned into a very handsome minority. If it is true that this concession has been granted, it will destroy the last remnant of confidence in the Laurier government possessed by the people of Vancouver. The City Council of Vancouver has telegraphed a resolution to Sir Wilfrid Laurier protesting "against any portion of False Creek being alienated by lease or otherwise, to any private individuals or company, but urging that the same being of great value to the commercial interests of Vancouver, should be retained and used for public purposes, and be vested in the city of Vancouver." That is no specious plea, but the only means by which the vested interests of the citizens of Vancouver in the premises can be properly protected. In reply the Mayor of Vancouver received word to the effect that "the application will be submitted to the City Council of Vancouver for an expression of their opinion before any decision in regard to the matter is reached." On the top of this comes the declaration of the applicants that the lease has already been signed, and their application granted. We are rather inclined to doubt that this is the case. The government might be willing to transfer a valuable concession to two stalwarts in the political battlefield, but it would hardly dare to do so, in the face of the timely protest of the city of Vancouver. Were it not for the fact of the fearful loss of so valuable an asset to the people of Vancouver, we should be rather glad than otherwise at such an exposition of the character of the Liberal regime as would be involved in this concession. Impunity makes men bold, and it is quite clear that Klondike methods of government are coming nearer home.

## POLITICAL CORRUPTION.

We ventured to say that the partizanship of the Ontario press over the Gamney investigation was disgusting, and it is immediately inferred that we referred to the Conservative press exclusively. Strange as it may appear, we did not, we referred to both the Liberal and Conservative press. We are told that the Liberal newspapers of Ontario have displayed moderation in their comments. If to call a man a traitor, a thief, a Judas, a forger and many other choice epithets, is to display moderation, they have certainly displayed great moderation. The political partizan is like all other lunatics, he does not know that he is a partizan. He imagines that questions are determined by him on their merits. He is quite unconscious of the colored spectacles he wears by which everything he sees looks dark if it is against his party, and light if it is for it. This peculiar characteristic makes him an interesting psychological study when measures are under consideration, but a cruel and dangerous madman when men's private characters are under consideration. The ancient spirit of persecution and intolerance, which led thousands to the scaffold and the stake for a difference in religious opinion, seems to flourish in politics without let or hindrance. That is why the political condition of Ontario at the present time to our mind so pitiable. The most devilish passions which can animate the mind of man have

been unchained, and are tearing and raging without restraint through the body politic, till we turn in disgust from the contemplation of what humanity is capable under the influence of political prejudice. We are very far from exonerating the Conservative papers or the Conservative party. The Conservative party made a false move at the very beginning, by treating the Gamney disclosures as simply a means of making party capital. Party capital may be incidentally a result of such disclosures, but to treat the disclosures as only of importance in so far as party capital could be made of them was an entirely improper and unstatesmanlike attitude. We wish we could exonerate the Conservative party of Ontario from having adopted, in our opinion, to a large extent it was adopted, but so far as the facts have presented themselves to us, we cannot help entertaining the idea that far too much stress was laid upon the accusation that Liberals had sinned, and too little upon the undoubted fact that citizens of Ontario were deeply in the mire of political corruption. Anyone who proves that the dominant party in a province or country is hopelessly corrupt, proves also that the party which is not dominant is merely pure through lack of opportunity. Because where such a state of things exists it is the body politic itself which is eaten into by the cancer of political corruption. Would that the Conservative party in Ontario had sadly and regretfully recognized this feature of the case, and manfully set its face in the direction of regenerating public life, and not merely grasped an opportunity of dealing a blow at its opponents through an exposure of corruption. But if we say this of the Conservative party, what shall we say of the Liberal party, and of the Liberal newspapers? From first to last they have clearly shown that what they object to is not political corruption, but the thief catching methods of Mr. R. E. Gamney. Does any sane person imagine that "Cap" Sullivan is the guardian of electoral purity? Does any sane person doubt that methods are used in Ontario politics which are a disgrace to Ontario and to Canada? Does anybody doubt that, whether the members of the Ontario government are implicated to such an extent that a judge would be justified in passing sentence upon them as individuals, they are beneficiaries of everything corrupt done in the interest of their party? Yet in what Liberal newspaper in Ontario is this ugly aspect of the affair adverted to? We have in their columns violent denunciations of opponents and pious exhortations against political scandal-mongering. The unctuous Globe thunders against corruption, and spreads ethical precepts and Biblical quotations through its columns, but all its efforts are directed to crying "Peace! Peace! when there is no Peace." Purity! Purity! when the conviction of rampant impurity is inevitable to anyone who scans the political situation in Ontario. It is indeed a beautiful angel of purity whose wings have passed through the ink wells of the Toronto Globe, now fallen upon evil days of compromise and hypocrisy, such as would make the skeleton of George Brown rattle in its tomb! We may not have a great deal of which to be politically proud in British Columbia, but we have at least this, that upon suspicion of very serious corruption the Premier, the leader of the opposition, the legislature itself as a whole, have gone to work to probe, to locate, and to excise the evil thing, while the people of the country stand aside and let the surgeons do their unpleasant, but necessary work. Without haste, without hysteria, without any virulence of party animosity, British Columbia is being purged of a grievous offence, and it is in noticeable contrast to Ontario, that pre-judgment of persons upon grounds of political prejudice, is conspicuous by its absence. This is not indifference to political morality, it is indifference when men's characters are at stake, to considerations of political advantage.

## A GENERAL ELECTION.

Our information that a general election will be held this fall is positive, and our authority is good. There may be various reasons advanced from the Liberal point of view why an appeal to the country should be made this year, but one of the most imperative we should imagine, is that the government cannot face tariff revision on the eve of a general election, and dare not postpone tariff revision beyond next year. Mr. Fielding's Budget Speech hinted at protection to the binder twine industry, and more than hinted at protection to the steel rail industry. The government expects to be able to capture the manufacturers and the industrial laboring element by hinting at protection, while it does not lose the free traders because it has done no more than hint. The advantage from a Liberal point of view, of every Liberal candidate being able to promise protection for the special industries of his constituency and free trade for all the rest of Canada, is too great to be overlooked. Because, as from the Liberal point of view, protection is an enrichment of one person at the expense of some other person, each Liberal candidate will be able to hold out to his constituents the alluring prospect of their being enriched at the expense of all the rest of Canada. At the same time any revision of the tariff, and particularly such a revision as the present government could effect, would be bound to cause trouble to some elements in the country, and therefore would be an impolitic move upon the eve of a general election. The government wants another lease of life in which to juggle with the trade interests of the country, and thinks that the present year is a good opportunity to ask for it. Whether the government will be sustained or not will depend entirely upon whether the Liberal majority in Quebec will be great enough to offset the increased Conservative majority in other parts of the country.

Industrial combinations have disappeared from the American financial market as attractive investments. Such things are now looked upon with grave suspicion as having been already overdone. That is a preparatory symptom to a flood of development capital seeking fresh fields and pastures new. An industrial boom is an evidence of great prosperity, but it is not a condition under which new countries can attract a large amount of capital.

The Balfour government's Education Bill for London, is meeting with even more strenuous opposition than the English Education Bill of last year. It is bound to be modified in important particulars before it passes.

The trial of Warren Hastings occupied eight years. Sixty of the judges died before the end was reached. This appalling precedent is beginning to be quoted in connection with the Gamney investigation.

The impudent attempt of the Maritime Provinces to interfere with the principle of representation by population through resort to a legal quibble, has ignominiously failed. The Supreme Courts' finding has been both unanimous and decisive.

The Synod of Hamilton and London unanimously approves of the anti-cigarette agitation. But one reverend gentleman rather gave the Synod away by declaring that the previous evening he had had to move his seat to get away from the fumes of tobacco.

The Standard Oil Company is reported to have been secretly and successfully securing control of oil wells at Baku in Russia. In order that conflict with the Russian authorities may be avoided, it is said that the former Russian owners will remain nominally in possession of the wells.

"The Newspaper Press and Ethical Progress" was the subject of a fierce denunciation of Canadian newspapers by a clergyman the other day. A clerical brother, whose hand we long to shake, promptly told the author that his paper was absolutely unfair and that an equally lurid article could be written upon "The Clergy and Ethical Progress." There is no institution whose blemishes constitute the measure of its usefulness.

The Globe says that the political scandal-mongering is a positive curse. We quite agree with the Globe, but cannot help recalling the fact that for years political scandal-mongering was the main stock in trade of the Liberal party. It might be retorted that this political scandal-mongering reflected the degeneration of the Conservative party. Perhaps so. But it is not then likely that Conservative political scandal-mongering reflects the degeneration of the Liberal party, particularly in Ontario?

In the moments of leisure we have to spare from our own affairs, we wonder how the constitutional crisis at Trinidad arose. At Trinidad, which is a Crown colony, a riot in which several lives were lost occurred during a meeting of the legislative council to consider the enforcement of an increased water tax made necessary by the introduction of a new and increased supply of water from some distant hills. Formerly the populace wasted the water as long as there was any, and, in times of drought, they had to suffer considerably; now they do not understand why a limitation of their water supply and the enforcement of very stringent regulations as to waste should involve an increased water tax. Probably there would have been no actual rioting had not a wagon tried to force its way through the excited throng which surrounded the Court House, the darkey driving shouting, "Make way for the Governor's lunch." This not unnaturally caused the looting of the van; stone throwing began; eventually the building was set on fire, and the Governor and Council only escaped with their lives through the arrival of an armed party from the Pallas. The idea of citizens eagerly excited over a grave political matter being suddenly called upon in tones of authority to "make way for the Governor's lunch," and thereupon starting to loot and murder, is an entirely new one, and shows that all constitutional crisis do not originate in one quarter of the globe.

## PRESS COMMENT.

The late Stuart Robson had been on the stage over half a century, and will be remembered as one of the popular actors of his time. It is given to but few stage people to engage in uninterrupted professional work for so long a period, and the fact that Mr. Robson appeared in comedy year after year to delighted audiences in all parts of the country is the best evidence that he had attained to absolute success.—Spokesman Review.

Sir Wilfrid is to the fore when the question of home rule for a country across the Atlantic is under discussion, and he is strong on "the federal principle of our constitution when speaking on the political history of Ontario for many years ago; but he relapses into silence or into open hostility when in Canada and today their Territories ask for provincial autonomy, or when Manitoba wants control of her school lands, or when Dominion civil servants take a leading part in a local provincial election.—Winnipeg Telegram.

This result (the large surplus) is simply one chapter more in the book which has been in writing for four or five years. The actual tariff in the circumstances a revenue tariff, in a large measure at least.—Montreal La Patrie.

The conscience of Ontario, and, indeed, of all Canada, is shocked by the revelations of political immorality already revealed, and by those which are daily forced upon public attention. During the past few years the country has rung with reports of the corruption of the electoral process, of itself a crime against the State, has become a relatively insignificant offence.—Toronto Mail and Empire.

The Ottawa Carpenters' union, which was formerly affiliated with the International Union, has decided to become a purely Canadian organization. The labor men of this country are commencing to have their suspicions of the foreign element in the strike organizer.—Ottawa Citizen.

The remarkable change of opinion that has taken place in recent years as to the area of land on the northern part of this continent capable of producing wheat and grain, is very astonishing.—Calgary Herald.

## PROVINCIAL PRESS.

Saturday the sagacity of a horse was nicely illustrated in Wilmer. Bert Perkins turned two horses loose in the morning, which always stay together. Along in the afternoon one of them came home whinnying and occasionally looking back down the hill and his feet were very muddy. Bert at once decided that something was wrong and rode the horse back down the hill, where he found the other horse mired in a slough, only his back and head being out of the mud. The horse was finally rescued, though it presented a pitiable sight when town was reached.—Wilmer Outcrop.

Early on Sunday morning, 3rd inst., death removed one of the best known and most genial men in the district, Alex. Gordon, the well known member of the North river, at the age of 61 years. He had enjoyed good health until a few weeks ago, when signs of paralysis appeared and he sought medical aid, sought both locally and at the Coast. The disease made persistent progress and ended in death at 6 o'clock on Sunday morning.—Kamloops Sentinel.

The death of John Grassick has removed one of the staunchest business men and best citizens of this district. His death will be deeply mourned by all who knew him, for he was a man gifted with the faculty of attaching himself to the bonds of warm friendship those with whom he came in contact. John Grassick was

a man whom everybody hereabouts knew and respected.—Fort Steele Prospector.

Mining operations in the Boundary are now resuming that activity which prevailed previously to the unfortunate Fenwick strike. With all the smelters running, with the mines employing increased number of men and with more high grade mines being exploited, it is safe to say that the good times which were delayed by reason of the fuel famine will soon be here.—Greenwood Times.

Messrs. Anderson, Findlay, Smith and Jones, of Sandon, all practical miners, have left for the Yukon country to prospect. Mr. Anderson and his partner Kerr, were among the first to go to the Upper Horseshoe during the excitement there nearly two years ago. Later they were employed at the Ward mine. Kerr was killed soon after his return to Kootenai last autumn by a fall of rock.—Ashcroft Journal.

## RISIBILITIES.

Estate Agent (to laborer's son)—Here my boy, where can I find your father? Boy—in the big city, sir. You'll know 'im by 'is brown 'at.—Punch.

"I suppose you spend an occasional hour with the muses, Mr. Shalloway?" "No, ma'am. I have only been here a short time and haven't met many people."—Kansas City Journal.

Miss Bookley—You are from Boston, I believe, Mr. Staples? Mr. Staples—Yes, I have lived there several years. "Then you must know all about Browning and Emerson?" "No, no. I can't say that I do. Clothing firm. Isn't it?"—Kansas City Journal.

"I beg your pardon," said the young doctor, who had recently settled in the neighborhood, "did I understand you to say that the smelter never had any sickness at your house, and therefore, never engaged a family physician?" "No," replied Krotchell, "I said I never engaged a family physician, and, therefore, never had any sickness at our house."—Philadelphia Ledger.

"His life was saved by a button." "How fortunate. Tell me about it." "A girl asked for a button as a souvenir. He gave it to her. Then she fell in love with her and she fell in love with him. They were married." "Oh, yes. His wife never let him go to war, and the man who took his place was killed."—New York Evening Sun.

## LIGHTS AND SHADOWS.

"Why ain't you at school, little boy?" "I stayed away on account of sickness, sir." "And who is sick, if I may ask?" "The tram car officer, sir."—Puck.

"What do men do when they get in the 'statute' pop?" "Why, they do corporations, my son."—Yonkers Statesman.

"I understand you've been giving everybody the impression that I was drunk the other night." "Why, your dear man, you were comparatively sober." "But you told some people I was as drunk as I could be."—Philadelphia Press.

"You're a pretty good fellow, Dobbs; I don't mind doing you a favor. Would you like to know an easy way to beat your tailor?" "He'll tell me with a feather duster." "Thanks, thanks. One good turn deserves another. Would you like to know how to get ahead of your grocer?" "Yep. What's the trick?" "Buy a cabbage of him. Let's go get a drink."—Kansas City Journal.

Two new reporters were sent by the editor of a newspaper to a suburb to "write up" the burning of an orphan asylum. Late that night, when the news editor was wondering why no "copy about the fire was coming by wire, a telegram messenger rushed in and handed him a message.

"We are here. What shall we do?" It was signed by the names of the two men sent to "write up" the fire. The news editor made a few strong remarks, then he wrote on a telegram from this brief message: "Find where the fire is hottest and jump in!"—London Answers.

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**Local News**

W. C. T. U. Meeting.—A meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be held this afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Refuge Home. A Bible reading will be given by Mrs. Fletcher.

Met in Vancouver.—A meeting of the British Columbia Grocers' Association was held in Vancouver yesterday. Secretary Edworthy and a number of members being in attendance from Victoria. The question of freight rates was again taken up.

Completed Investigation.—Messrs. H. Ross Skinner and H. H. Meyer, of Johannesburg, members of a commission to inquire into the working of Chinese labor in mines, have completed their investigations on Vancouver Island, and returned to the Mainland.

Singing Classes.—Mrs. Bridges will re-open her singing classes this week—Friday, 8 p.m., for the elder pupils; Saturday, 11:30 a.m., for the children. Mr. Bridges' method is taught. Those wishing to join will kindly call at 82 North Park street.

Beaumont's Promotion.—The numerous friends of Vice-Admiral Beaumont, who, some three years ago, was in command of the North Pacific squadron, with headquarters at Esquimalt, will be interested in learning that it is stated in naval circles that Sir John Fisher will be taking up the Postings with him next August. He succeeded as second sea lord by Vice-Admiral Beaumont.

Presentation to Mr. Robins.—The Nanaimo hospital board on Tuesday presented Mr. S. M. Robins with an address, indicative of their appreciation of the support which that gentleman had given the institution during his incumbency of the position of superintendent of the New Vancouver Coal Company's collieries. Mr. Robins expressed himself as overwhelmed by this action of the hospital board in presenting him with the address, which he would always preserve as one of the most valued mementoes of his residence and work in Nanaimo.

Inspection of Factories.—The school children are looking forward with great interest to the visit to the local manufacturing establishments on Friday afternoon next. Those who will escort the children and the places to be visited are: J. E. Church, Brackman-Ker; A. J. Morley, Albion Iron Works; Walsh Winde, Elder Bros' factory; H. E. Young, Excelsior factory; Hardness Clarke, M. R. Smith &amp; Co.; Geo. Carter, Metallic Bedstead factory; Messrs. Grant and Walker, clothing establishments; Mr. Penderay, Soap and Paint works; Mr. Houston, coal storeroom; and artificial ice works; Mr. Movat, gas works.

The Blacksmiths.—In regard to the rumor that there was a likelihood of the striking blacksmiths opening a union next, John Meeson, president of the Master Blacksmiths' Association, stated yesterday that it would be the best thing possible for the union to open a shop in opposition to them, as it would show just where the former stand in respect to the union. He said that as far as he was concerned, he would be most beneficial to him, as he would then be in a position to put men to work and not have them threatened by the union men. He also stated that the rate of wages asked by the union, but to meet the rate offered by the bosses.

Advertising Competition.—A season ticket has been offered by the passenger department of the Esquimalt &amp; Nanaimo railway good from June 1 to December 31, 1903, for the best advertisement of Shawanigan Lake as a summer resort, in connection with the new suburban train service, which commences on June 1. Not more than eighty words or figures are to be used. The time of departure from Victoria will be 6:10 p.m., and from Shawanigan Lake, 7:30 a.m. The competition will close May 20. Competitors will give names and address and mail their advertisements to traffic department, Esquimalt &amp; Nanaimo railway, Victoria, marking on outside of envelope "Advertising competition."

Y. M. C. A. Progress.—The newly organized branch of the Y. M. C. A. is making good progress. There are now about 250 names on the books, most of whom are sustaining members paying a monthly fee of \$1. The first committee of five members paying fees of \$5 a year. Donations are being received from many citizens. D. Spencer has put his name down for \$75, and others have contributed \$25. The officials wish to thank all who have thus showed their willingness to aid the association. Arrangements have been made for the employment of a trained secretary. J. T. Little, late of Vancouver Y. M. C. A., has been selected. He has just completed a course at the International Young Men's Christian Association training school at Springfield, Mass., and is expected here in the fall.

Police Commissioners.—A short session of the Board of Police Commissioners was held yesterday afternoon, at which only matters of minor importance were transacted. George Fry was appointed to the position of patrolman to succeed Constable Hanley, who has been appointed jailer in place of Thomas Conlin, deceased. Chief Langley reported having looked into the matter and having found that he had no jurisdiction to remove the offending lads, all who have thus showed their willingness to aid the association. Arrangements have been made for the employment of a trained secretary. J. T. Little, late of Vancouver Y. M. C. A., has been selected. He has just completed a course at the International Young Men's Christian Association training school at Springfield, Mass., and is expected here in the fall.

Master Bakers' Organize.—A Master Bakers' Organization has been formed and the following officers elected: H. Smith, president; J. C. Darling, vice-president; W. Reine, secretary; L. D. Cummings, financial secretary; B. Sorge, guardian. W. R. Dickson and L. Coker were appointed auditors.

Examined Road-Bed.—Mr. F. C. Gamble, government engineer, has examined the newly constructed Victoria Terminal Railway from Cloverdale to Port Graham for the purpose of ascertaining, and pronounces the road in proper condition for passenger traffic in accordance with the provincial government's Railway Act. The roadbed is, Mr. Gamble states, in very fair condition for a new road.

Labor Papers Merged.—The Western Socialist, published in Vancouver, and the Clarion, published in Nanaimo, have been merged, and the two printing plants combined. The publication will in future be known as the Western Clarion. The intention of the management of the combined paper is to publish the Western U. B. R. E. Strike Bulletin, which has been published three times a week lately in Vancouver.

Taught a Lesson.—The gravel car on Oak Bay avenue yesterday ran over and instantly killed a poodle named Jasper, owned by one of the residents in the neighborhood of the fatality. A few spectators assembled to view the remains of the unfortunate canine, when one lady remarked "It will teach him to keep off the track in future." The workmen took poor Jasper off on the work car with the promise of a decent burial.

Big Tourist Party.—Some additional information has reached the city regarding the tour through Canada of the delegates to the meeting of the Associated Chambers of Commerce of the Empire at Montreal in August. The delegates leave Montreal on August 24 and, after visiting Manitoba and the Northwest, will arrive in Vancouver on September 8 and 9. They come direct to Victoria, and return on the night of Thursday, September 10, spending Friday, the 11th, on the Mainland. They will return East in two parties.

A Rush Order.—Scheme on foot to settle Lady Smith's strike. Send \$100 towards expenses without fail. This was the telegram received by the secretary of the Board of Trade from Mr. Gardiner, of Ladysmith, yesterday, says the Vancouver Ledger. When the members of the board at the meeting last night took up the subject of the message, they were so dumbfounded at the monumental nerve displayed by Mr. Gardiner, whoever he may be, that they simply did nothing. The secretary will answer the letter.

Ask Assistance.—The Melbourne, Australia, Board of Trade has written the Victoria Board requesting that it pass a resolution to the effect that the secretary of the Board of Trade of the Commonwealth of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company, on the ground that such would delay the ownership of the cable by the state. The matter is considered most important as the proposed agreement is being opposed by the Dominion government on the ground that it will act to the detriment of the Pacific cable.

Salt Water Baths.—Those who are familiar with sea bathing facilities as they exist in other portions of the world, and who are desirous of seeing the world, should take special attention to the fact that the suggestion that a portion of the Victoria Arm can be utilized for the establishment of a bathing resort with excellent results, and the matter will be brought to the attention of the various local bodies interested in the matter at an early date. The council has, at the request of the Tourist Association appointed a special committee to try and devise a plan for the securing of the much-desired boon, and this committee will make a thorough investigation of the adaptability of the waters and shores of the Arm for the purpose aimed at.

Anglican Clericus.—The Anglican Clericus of the Pacific Coast now being held in Vancouver, includes the leading and most distinguished Anglican clergymen of the dioceses of Olympia, Oregon, Spokane, Boise, Montana, U. S.; Columbia, Caledonia, Calgary, Kootenay and New Westminster, Canada. The members of the Clericus, who are in attendance are: Spokane Diocese, H. Rev. Bishop Wells; Oregon, Rev. E. Simpson, Hon. C. Cumming Bruce, H. Chambers, Portland; W. E. Potwin, Pendleton; Olympia, Rev. T. E. Winslow, J. H. D. Layton, H. E. Brown, Tacoma; Dr. N. S. Davis, Blaine; Columbia, Ven. Archdeacon Scriven, Ladysmith; Rev. E. G. Miller, T. Grundy, Canon Newton, D. Dunlop, R. Campbell, B. Brown, Calgary; Rev. C. H. Hodgkin, F. S. Chivers, Kootenay, Rev. E. P. Flewellyn, Phoenix; H. A. Solly, Trout Lake.

The Celebration.—Good progress is being made with the arranging of the details of the programme to be followed at the forthcoming Victoria Day celebration. While only one day will be taken up by the demonstration this year, it is intended to have the various events arranged as to afford excellent entertainment for visitors and holiday-makers. The fact that Nanaimo will celebrate will militate somewhat against the attendance of good crowds are expected. From the Mainland. The morning will be given over to lacrosse and baseball matches, and both events promise to be especially interesting. The whole of the afternoon will be taken up with the entertainment of the public, which will be made that event one of the best in recent years. There will be plenty of music and a fine display of fireworks in the evening. The workshops at Esquimalt will be open to visitors during the day.

Musical Festival.—Sir Alexander Mackenzie and party will arrive in Victoria by special boat about 10:30 a.m. tomorrow. They will give a concert at the Victoria Theatre, and the Festival committee. A rehearsal will be held at 2 o'clock this afternoon, which all members of the chorus are requested to attend, if possible. On Friday afternoon the Victoria &amp; Sidney railway will hold the train till 4:45 for the convenience of those wishing to attend the afternoon performance and returning the same day. The concert at the Drill Hall will be closed promptly at 8 o'clock this evening. The Lieutenant-Governor and party will then proceed to their seats during the performance of the National Anthem. At the close of the concert the audience is requested to remain in their seats until the state party has retired.

The Pacific Cable.—It has developed as a result of further inquiry, that the action of the government of New South Wales in entering into an agreement with the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company, has had the effect of causing great financial loss to the Pacific cable enterprise, for if conditions had been left as they were, the different governments entered into the partnership, the bulk of the Australian messages would have gone by the Pacific cable and shares in any profits or losses would from self-interest as well as partnership obligation have been sent all the business by the Pacific cable; but the moment that they granted power to the Eastern Telegraph Company to also establish telegraph land lines, other, etc., they allowed it to be set up a duplicate rival telegraph system throughout the state, in competition with themselves, thereby securing for the privately owned Eastern Telegraph Company a large amount of cable business that otherwise would have been sent by the Pacific cable. The loss occasioned by the bad faith of New South Wales will have to be shared in by the different governments.

Loggers' Association.—A delegation from the Loggers' Association of Vancouver was in the city yesterday to urge upon the Commissioner of Lands and Works not to increase the special license to cut timber from government lands from \$100 to \$200.

Auction Sale of Furniture, Etc.—Attention is called to the auction sale advertisements in this issue of Joshua Davies, in respect to the furniture to be sold at the residence of H. H. Mayo on Friday next, at 11 a.m., and also the sale on Tuesday next of the well known cruising yawl Nancy.

Sidney Saw Mill.—It is anticipated that no further difficulty will be in the way of continuously operating the Sidney saw mill property, and in a few days the plant will be started up again. J. W. Wey, of Tacoma, has been appointed head sawyer of the establishment and will assume his duties at once.

Date Not Fixed.—The date of the official visit of inspection over the system of the Victoria Terminal Railway &amp; Port Graham has not yet been fixed, the company leaving the matter open to suit the convenience of the city officials. The probabilities are that the Mayor and Aldermen will attend in a body.

Political Corruption.—The secretary of the Board of Trade is in receipt of a letter from the Methodist Department of Temperance and Reform, Toronto, asking the board to cooperate in a strictly united effort to suppress political corruption. The letter states that the Premier of Canada declares the matter should be left to a committee. The desire is that the Board of Trade should at least pass a resolution strengthening their hands.

Excursion Rates.—Circulars from the traffic manager of the Puget Sound Navigation Co., to all its agents at the Sound cities, announce excursion rates as follows: "On account of Victoria Day celebration at Victoria, Monday, May 25, we will make excursion rates from all ports of call on our route to Victoria, of one fare for the round trip, good going Saturday, May 23, and Sunday, May 24, and returning not later than Tuesday, May 25."

Coaches Revived.—The passenger service of the E. &amp; N. railway train system has just undergone a process of very extensive reorganization. The work has been carried out in thoroughly first class fashion, and is a credit to the workmen at the Wellington shops. The remodeling in particular is as good as the production in the most appropriate workshops of the East and the railway company is to be congratulated upon the very creditable job its own employees have turned out.

New Brick Block.—Messrs. Hooper &amp; Watkins are calling for tenders up to Tuesday next for the erection and completion of a two-story brick building on a corner of Government and Courtenay streets, for Boston Bros. It is understood that the upper story of the building will be utilized for the purpose of a public hall. The new structure will be a decided improvement to lower Government street. Work will be commenced immediately the contract is let and pushed to an early completion.

Additional Train Service.—In addition to the regular train service on Friday next, the E. &amp; N. railway will run a special train, leaving Victoria at 7 p.m., for Nanaimo, and intermediate stations, which will make the round trip, including the musical festival matinee to return the same day. This will also afford a double train service from Victoria; and parties wishing to have an air ride up the coast will be able to forward the evening before on the special train.

Cable to Siberia.—An announcement of more than ordinary interest is one just made to the effect that articles of incorporation for the North American Telegraph and Cable Company, which provides for the building of a submarine cable from Seattle to Valdez and other points in Alaska, and thence to Vladivostok, were filed in Seattle on Tuesday. The capital stock is \$5,000,000, divided into 50,000 shares of \$100 each. The business is given as Seattle, the object being to do a general telegraph and cable business, including the establishment of telegraph and telephone system in Alaska and Siberia.

The Dawson Floods.—Recent arrivals from Dawson, in discussing the reports of the destructive floods which are now sweeping down the valley of Bonanza creek, say that the damage is not at all exaggerated, and that further reports of damage may be expected before the vast quantities of ice melt. The big gusher which was struck last fall near the junction of Bonanza and Eldorado creeks, spouted much water before it came and that, when the cold weather came and this large volume of water froze, it filled the valley for a distance of six miles with from ten to fifteen feet of solid ice.

Jones Divorce Case.—In Supreme Court Chambers in Vancouver an order was made on Tuesday that the Jones vs. Jones divorce case be brought to trial, and that the evidence of the witnesses to the alleged breach of her marital vows by Mrs. Jones be taken orally. Affidavits were filed in the case, and these affidavits were read in court when first produced. Now the order is that the men who swore to them be examined on the stand. Capt. H. Robinson Jones, extra master mariner, the well known pilot, is the plaintiff in the case. His wife is understood to be now in China. She lived in Victoria for many years and was married here.

Edison Theatre.—The home of high class candlelight and moving pictures! This unique and popular theatre, with its strong attractions, this week is meeting with great success. The world's greatest Spanish dancers, Estelita and Garbarido, are a decided hit. Estelita's gowns were made in Cairo, Egypt, and are magnificent. Don McGreevy, singer, dancer and comedian, amuses the both young and old. His songs are the latest. Miss Stoddard, refined monologist, is very clever and receives a great deal of applause. Her selections are changed continually. Frank Le Roy renders the illustrated song. Matinee every day from 2:30 to 5; evening from 7:30 to 11.

Strathcona's Letter.—The text of the letter signed by Lord Strathcona containing intimation of intention to bonus the employees of the Hudson's Bay Company was as follows. It is interesting as showing the reason which prompted the generosity from which the employees in Victoria have already benefited: "It is with much pleasure I inform you on behalf of my colleagues and myself that, being desirous of marking our appreciation of the services of the employees, and in special consideration of the celebration of the Coronation of Their Majesties, the royal duty government and committee have decided to give all such employees who have been for twelve consecutive months in their service on the 31st inst., a bonus of ten per cent. of their salaries, and to this the committee has the board's instructions."

Very Fortunate.—"A Wise Woman," the three-act musical comedy by Wilfred Clarke, who is also responsible for that great success, "Oh! Susannah" has been secured for the future at the Victoria theatre. This is a fortunate booking for Manager Boscowitz, and one worthy of special notice as the attraction is to be seen in but very few other theatres entirely booked in the larger cities of the country. This is strong evidence of the strength of the company.

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Velveteen, was 60c. Now 35c.  
Velveteen, was 75c. Now 35c.  
Corset Covers, lace insertion, worth 70c. Now 45c.  
Nightgowns, good styles, 50c. up.  
Corset Covers, embroidery trimmed, worth 45c. Now 25c.  
Corset Covers, Torchon and embroidery, worth 80c. Now 50c.  
Pillowslip Lace, 1½ inches wide, was 20c. Now 10c. dozen.  
Pillowslip Lace, 2 inches wide, 20c. dozen. Sale price 12½c. a dozen.Pillowslip Lace, 3 inch. wide, 30c. dozen. Sale price, 20c. a dozen.  
Corset Covers, lace trimmed, worth 40c. Now 20c.  
Pillowslip Lace, 4½ inch. wide, 40c. a dozen. Sale price 25c. a dozen.  
Black Mercerized Satine Skirts, two ruffles, were \$1.65. Reduced to 95c.  
Black Mercerized Satine Skirts, two ruffles; were \$1.25. Reduced to 80c.  
White Pique Dress Skirts; worth \$1.75. Now 90c.  
White Pique Dress Skirts; worth \$2. Now \$1.00.  
Buttermilk Soap, 2 cakes for 5c.  
Straight Front Corsets, worth 75c. Now 50c.  
25c. Velling, now 15c.  
Corset Covers, Torchon Lace, were 60c. Now 40c.  
Ladies' Drawers, wide frills, 50c. Now 30c.  
Ladies' Drawers, good value, 35c. Now 20c.

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For some months past some two hundred local vocalists have been busily engaged in practicing the various works to be performed under the energetic direction of the local conductors, and their work has won the highest commendation from those who have been privileged to hear them. This alone should induce crowded attendances at the three Festivals to be given here. So great was the success of the Festivals given in Montreal that a fourth day was added, six Festival performances being given before audiences that crowded the Windsor Hall as never before. Sir Alexander Mackenzie and Mr. C. A. E. Harris shared the honors.

Attention is again called to the desirability of being punctual in attending the Festivals. The doors will be closed at 8 o'clock and late comers will only be admitted between the various recitals.

The Lieutenant-Governor and staff will attend, and the scene which will be presented when Sir Alexander Mackenzie takes his stand will be one to be long remembered.

The following is the programme of tonight's Festival:

**PART I.**

The National Anthem.....Ed. German

Air—"Onaway, Awake Beloved".....Ed. German

Overture—Henry.....E. German

Festival Mass.....Ch. A. Harris

Devotional by the choir, and then to Her Excellency The Countess of Minto.

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Air—"O Peaceful Night".....F. H. Cowen

Songs.....W. Wallace

Duet—"How Sweet the Moonlight Sleeps".....A. Sullivan

Ethel Wood and Wilfrid Virgo.

"The Revenge"—(A Ballad of the Fleet)

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